The allotment of rice to Andhra Pradesh from the Central Pool has been as under:—

| Year (1st Nov. to 31st Oct.) | Quantity of rice allotted |
|---|---|
| | (Lakh Tonnes) |
| 1984-85 | 10.75 |
| 1985-86 | 11.50 |
| 1986-87 | 11.60 |

**Workshop on rural development**

1409. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a three-day Workshop on Rural Development was held in New Delhi on the 25th October, 1987;

(b) if so, what was the number of the participants; and

(c) what is the nature of discussions held and recommendations made to Government, if any?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICRULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) No workshop on Rural Development was held on the 25th October, 1987.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Denial of entry of harijans into temples in MP**

1410. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in certain villages of Madhya Pradesh (especially of Bilaspur district) the Harijans are denied entry into the temples;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Government to stop this practice; and

(c) whether Government are aware that religious fundamentalism and fanaticism are on the increase in the rural areas of the State and, if so, what remedial measures are being taken to reverse this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (DR. RAJENDRA KUMARI BAJPAI): (a) to (c) Necessary information is being collected from the State Govt of Madhya Pradesh.

**Special programmes for agricultural labourers in Madhya Pradesh**

1411. SHRI AJIT P. K JOGI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are any special programmes for rural and agricultural labourers in Madhya Pradesh especially of the drought-affected areas;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government propose to ameliorate the condition of these labourers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Under drought relief programme, assistance is provided to the State Government for employment generation works for rural and agricultural labourers. A ceiling of expenditure of Rs 53.37 crore; has been approved to the Government of Madhya Pradesh under this programme during the post-monsoon period of 1987

(c) The State Government has opened relief works with a view to providing employment to landless agricultural and other labourers. The minimum wage has been raised to Rs. 11/- per day and this would be